

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, and further examination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested that the status of the parent application be updated at the beginning of the specification. The above amendment complies with the Examiner's request.

The Examiner also required Applicants to elect one of two groups of claims for examination. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-42), drawn to a blend of polyester and PC. However, Applicants' election is made with traverse.

MPEP § 803 states that an application may be properly restricted to one or more claimed inventions only if (1) the inventions are independent or distinct as claimed, and (2) there is a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. Thus, even if appropriate reasons exist for requiring restriction, such a requirement should not be made unless there is an undue burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims in a single application. Here, it would appear that the searches involved for the claims would be coextensive. As such, it is not believed to be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all the claims.

Accordingly, for at least all of the reasons set forth above, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this Reply, or the application in general, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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